GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR NON-FOREST PURPOSE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources for including the activities like rural roads, small bridges and culverts, etc. in the list of permissible activities to be undertaken on the diverted forest land;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (Independent Charge) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to(c). No, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not received any proposal from the Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources for including the activities like rural roads, small bridges and culverts, etc., in the list of permissible activities to be undertaken on the diverted forest land. In fact, these non-forest activities are already allowed to be taken up on forest land diverted under the Forest (Conservator) Act, 1980.